Benefits provided to Ex-servicemen

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the benefits being provided to ex-servicemen after their retirement;

(b) what are the schemes that provide for employment in Government/Semi-Government Departments/Public Undertakings/Banks to ex-servicemen; and

(c) whether Government have drawn any special scheme for the children of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Ex-Servicemen, after their retirement, are being provided with the following benefits:—

(i) Free medical treatment in military hospitals to pension holders.

(ii) Canteen facilities.

(iii) Preferential admission to medical and engineering colleges as per laid down priorities.

(iv) Entitled to short stay in the Sainik Rest Houses during their visit to District Headquarters.

(v) Recognition of marriage of Armed Forces personnel, after their retirement, for grant of Family Pension.

(vi) Allotment of disposable surplus vehicles.

(vii) Financial assistance to needy ex-Servicemen.

(viii) Reimbursement of expenditure for treatment of serious diseases like bypass surgery, kidney transplant etc.

(ix) Preferential allotment of petroleum product agencies.

(x) Loan facilities under the self-employment schemes for ex-Servicemen, viz, SEMFEX-I, SEMFEX-II and SEMFEX-III.

(xi) Preferential allotment of Jai Jawan Stalls/Kiosks/Mother Diary Booths/Delhi Milk Scheme booths, renting and catering at railway platform, agencies for Unit Trust of India, Transportation of Coal etc.

(xii) Training programmes for improving their employability or to enable them to take self-employment after retirement.

In addition to the above, disabled ex-Servicemen are also entitled to the following benefits:—

(i) Disability pension/war injury pension.

(ii) Constant attendance allowance where applicable.

(iii) Provision of artificial limbs/surgical appliances.

(iv) Special Pension of Rs. 50$- per month to the blind Defence personnel whose disability is attributable to military service.

(b) Schemes for employment of ex-Servicemen are as given below:—

(i) *Reservation under Central Government*:

Group 'C'	10%
Group 'D'	20%
Groups 'A' & 'B'	10% posts of Assistant Commandant in Para Military Forces

(ii) *Reservation under PSUs/Banks*:

Group 'C'	14.½%
Group 'D'	24.½%

(iii) Reservations under state Governments:

(a) Bihar, Kerala, Nagaland and Meghalaya do not have any reservation.

(b) In other States reservations varies from 2 per cent to 20 per cent in Groups 'C' and 'D'.

(c) The Children of ex-Servicemen get the following benefits:—

(i) Concessions for recuitment in Armed Forces in terms of relaxation for physical measurement and ten marks on overall merit list.

(ii) Scholarships|Stipends for school-going children through the Welfare Funds of the State.

(iii) Reservation of seats in Sainik Schools.

(iv) Reservation of seats in Professional Colleges through State Governments.

(v) A few seats are reserved in Medical|Engineering Colleges for nomination of children of War Widows|disabled Servicemen and decorated Serving and ex-Service-personnel of Armed Forces.

(vi) Some States have organised free training for coaching for NDA entrance Examinations and normal recruitment in the armed Forces.

(vii) Upto two members of the family of Defence personnel killed or disabled in operations or peace-time are given Priority for employment assistance in Groups 'C' and 'D' posts.

Setting up of ordnance factories

*277. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the ordnance factories presently functioning in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up new ordnance factories in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There are 39 Ordnance Factories spread all over India. Details are given in the statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of the answer to (b) above.

Statement

Ammunition & Explosive Division

1. Ordnance Factory, Chanda
2. Ordnance Factory, Khamaria
3. Ordnance Factory, Varangaon
4. Ordnance Factory, Dehu Road
5. Ammunition Factory, Kirkee
6. Cordite Factory, Aruvankalu
7. Ordnance Factory, Bhandara
8. Ordnance Factory, Itarsi
9. High Explosive Factory, Kirkee
10. Ordnance Factory, Bolangir (Project)

material Component Division

11. Machine Tools Prototype Factory, Ambarnath
12. Ordnance Factory, Ambarnath
13. Ordnance Factory, Katni
14. Metal & Steel Factory, Ishapore
15. Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal
16. Ordnance Factory, Dehradun
17. Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari
18. Ordnance Factory, Muradnagar
19. Ordnance Cable Factory, Chandigarh
20. Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Tiruchirapalli
21. Opto Elctronic Factory, Dehradun

Weapons, Vehicles & Equipment Division

22. Gun Carriage Factory, Jabalpur
23. Field Gun Factory, Kanpur